GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SOIL EROSION
Modi Shri Sushil Kumar

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar had forwarded a Rs. 500 crore project last year to the Union Government to check soil erosion by the Ganges, the Gandak, the Koshi, the Budhi-Gandak, the Bagmoti, the Khiroi, the Kor and other rivers and for the construction and strengthening of the emabankments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide the said amount to State Government in view of havoc caused by the floods there; and

(d) if so, by when this amount is likely to be provided to the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Bihar submitted a list of critical anti erosion and raising & strengthening/construction of embankment schemes on the rivers the Ganges, the Gandak, the Burhi Gandak, the Khiroi, the Bagmati and the river Kareh with a total estimated cost of Rs.526.98 crore for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, `Critical anti erosion works in Ganga Basin States` for implementation during 2004-07.

(c) and (d) The proposals received from the State Governments including Bihar were examined by the Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Chairman, GFCC which also included a representative of the State Government of Bihar. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme which interalia included schemes estimated to cost Rs.53.33 crore with a central share of Rs.40 crore in respect of the State Government of Bihar was sanctioned for implementation during 2004-07. An amount of Rs.11.43 crore has so far been released to the State Government of Bihar to the end of November 2004.